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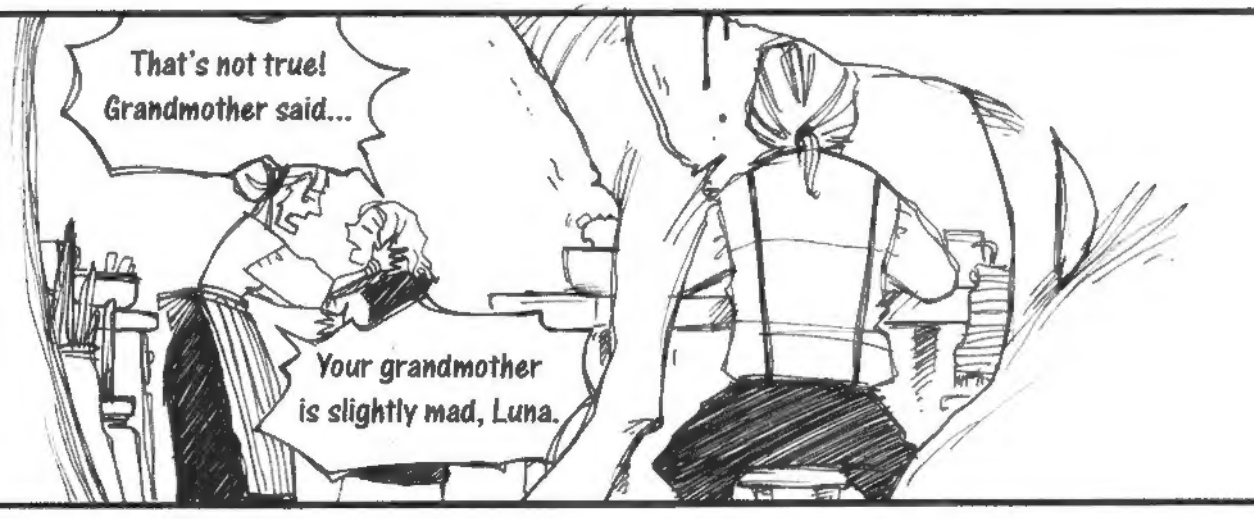
Once upon a time, there was a young woman named Luna,
who found herself walking though the forest
on the way home from her grandmother's house...

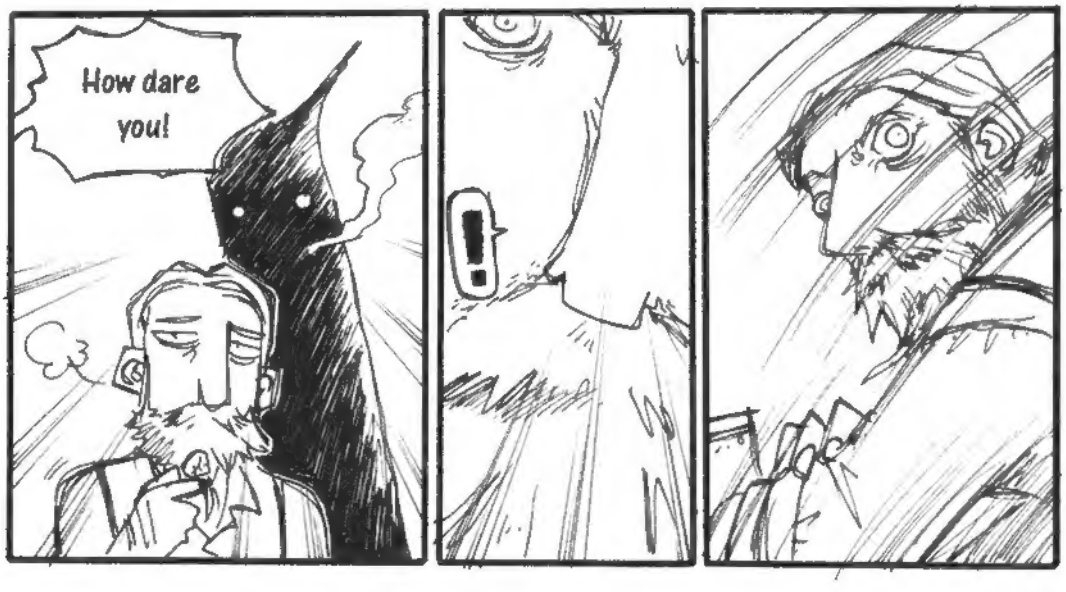
Father!
Why did you kill it?
It was about to attack you, Luna!
How many times have I told you not to walk this path after dark?
I lost track of time.

Come on, your mother is worried sick about us.
Good evening, gentlemen. I will see you at the same time tomorrow night.

What in heaven's name happened?
Your feather-headed daughter almost got herself killed!
Because he almost shot me!
Don't speak ill of your father!
Look at what he did!

He is only trying to protect the village, Luna.
But the wolves have done nothing!
Why must he kill them?
They're horrible, foul,
diseased creatures!


That's not true! Grandmother said...
Your grandmother is slightly mad, Luna.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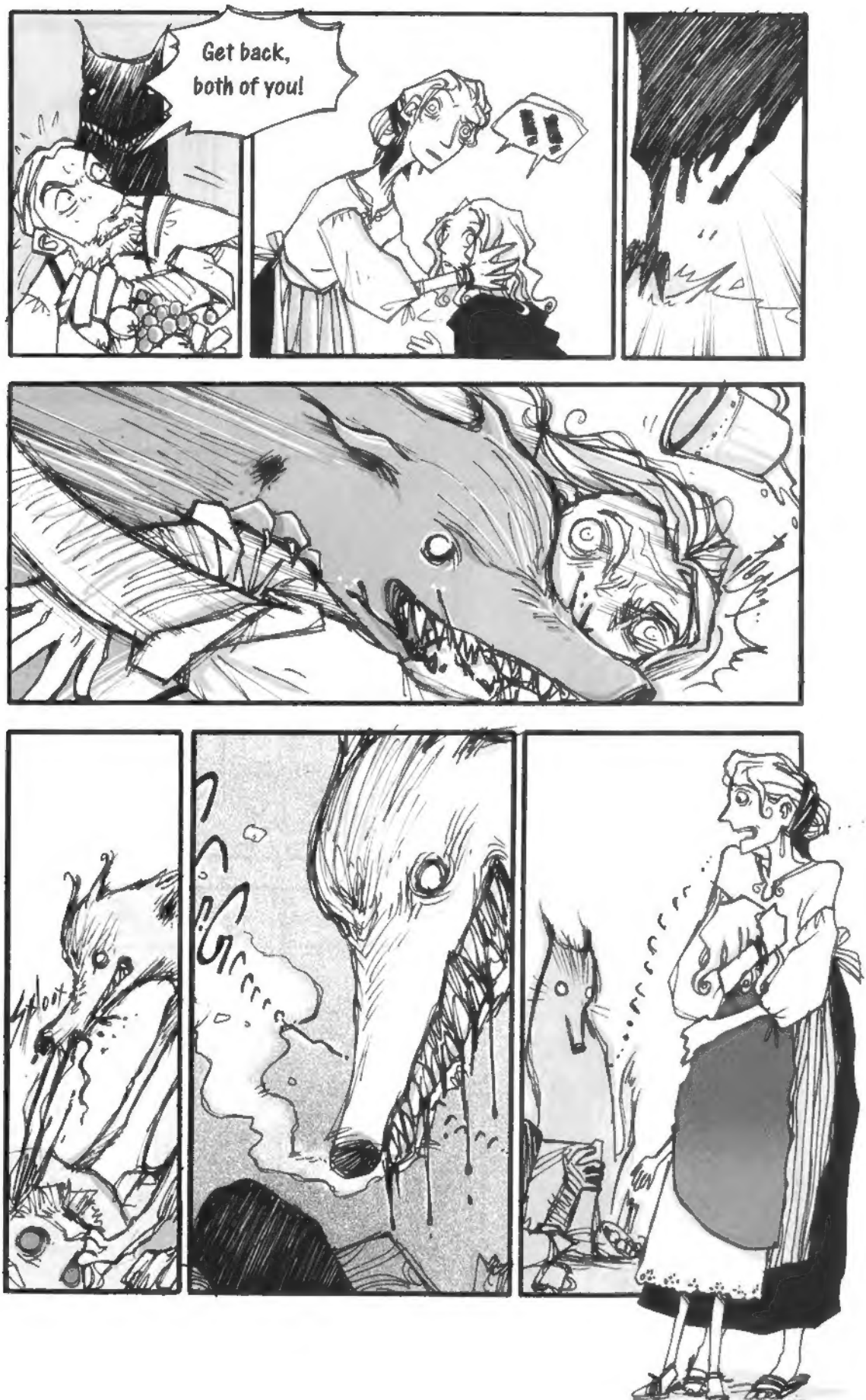
Get back, both of you!
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You're hurt.
!?
Let me help you.
Grrr
... ...
Get away from me!

Mother, what's wrong?
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I can't stand the sight of you!
Leave now!
Mother, please!
Take your filthy hands off of me!
You're a horrible, foul creature! Leave, or I'll kill you!
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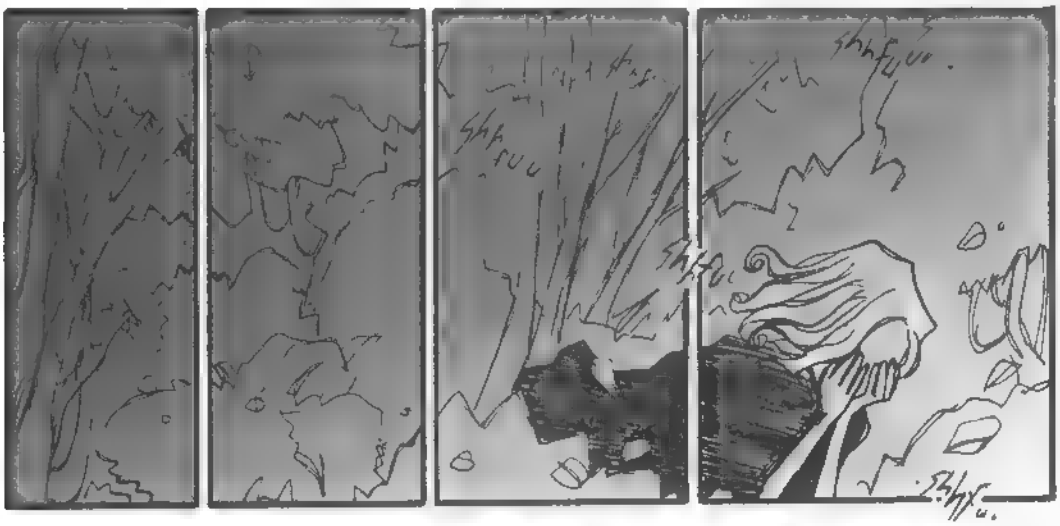
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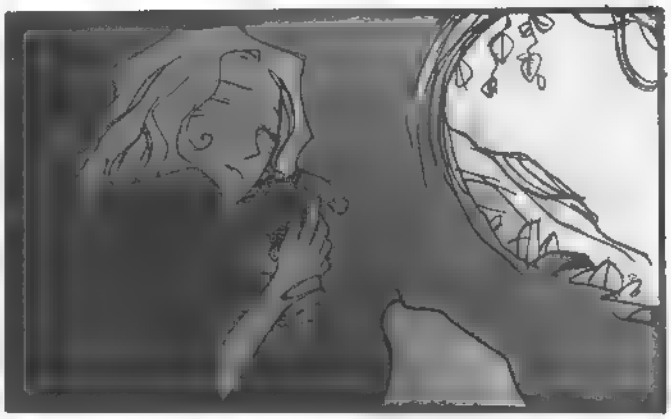

Hello?
Can I help you, young lady?
Have we met before?
I don't think I've ever had the pleasure.

Oh!
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Please excuse me!
I must have fallen asleep on the way to my grandmother's house.
I better get there before she starts to worry.
Would you like me to accompany you?
That won't be necessary, but I thank you all the same.
... ...
I think I had better, just to make sure you get there safely.
Thank you.

I didn't realize how close by I was. It was so dark, I couldn't see.

May I call on you in the future?

!!

Are you feeling well?

I'm quite fine...

...not to worry.
Oh my goodness!

Grandmother! Please help!

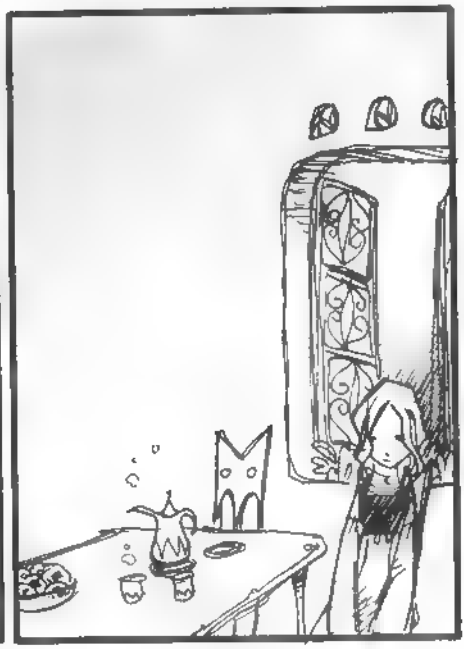
Who's this?
He walked me here. he's sick!

Quick...
...let's get him to bed.

Drink this. You will feel better.

Luna, please leave the room.

Will he be okay, grandmother?
Do what I say and let me tend to this boy!



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I've done all I can.

Thank you, dear.

What's wrong with him?

What happened?

Nevermind that. What are you doing here?
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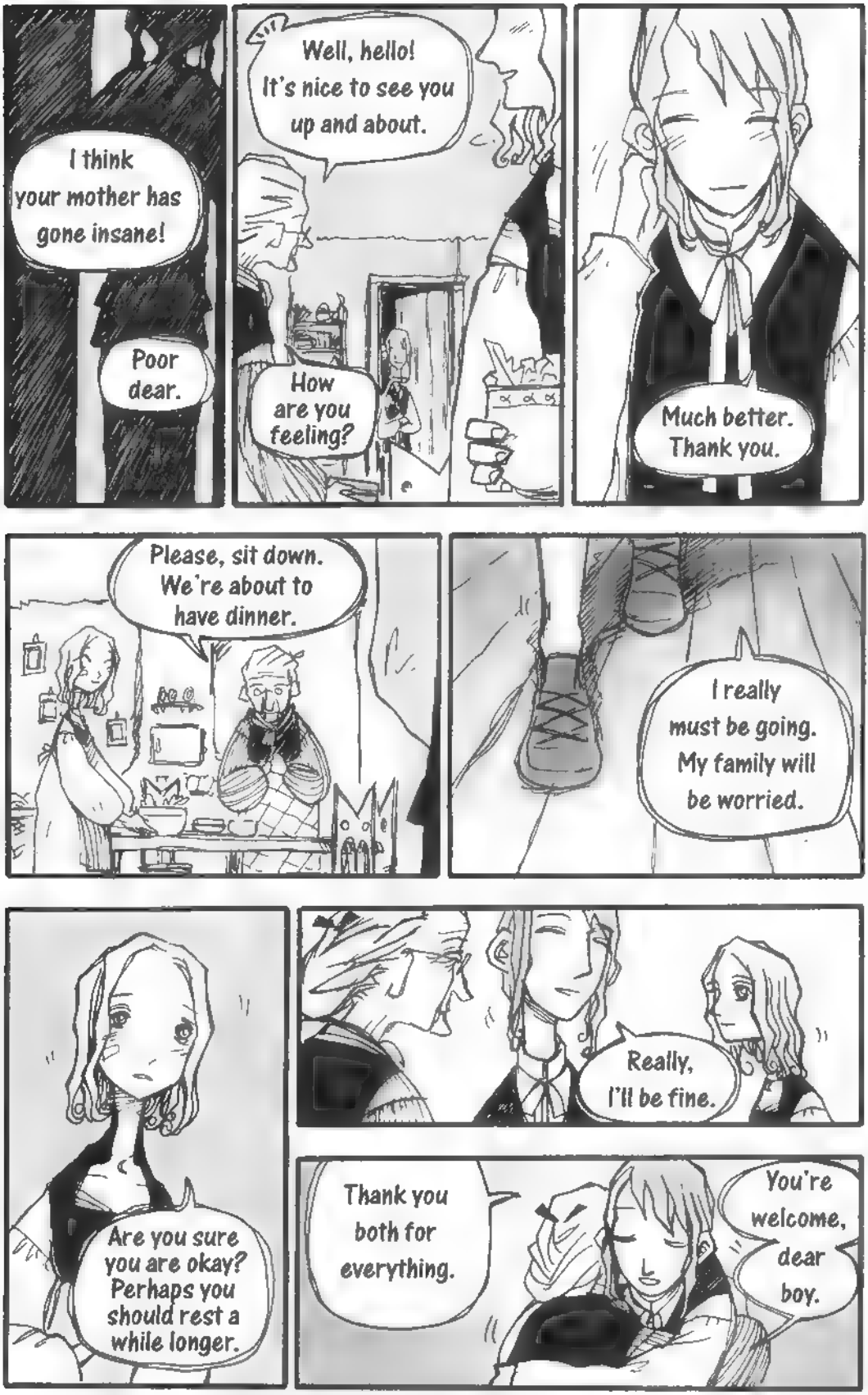
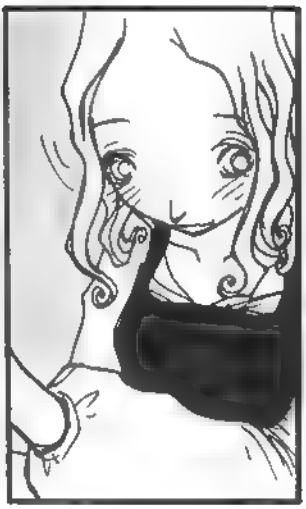
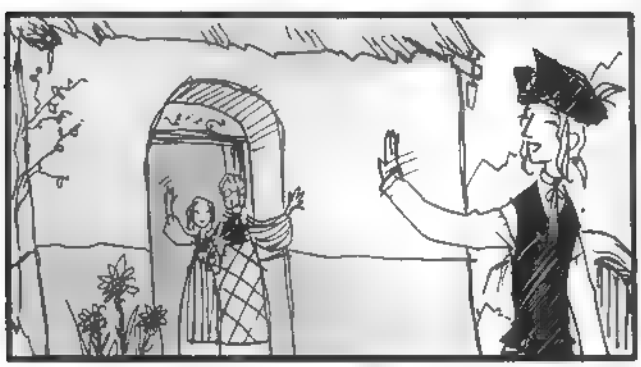
Luna's grandmother was shocked after hearing what happened the previous night...


I think your mother has gone insane!
Poor dear.
Well, hello! It's nice to see you up and about.
How are you feeling?
Much better. Thank you.
Please, sit down. We're about to have dinner.
I really must be going. My family will be worried.
Are you sure you are okay? Perhaps you should rest a while longer.
Really, I'll be fine.
Thank you both for everything.
You're welcome, dear boy.

I would like to see you again—that is, if your grandmother permits.

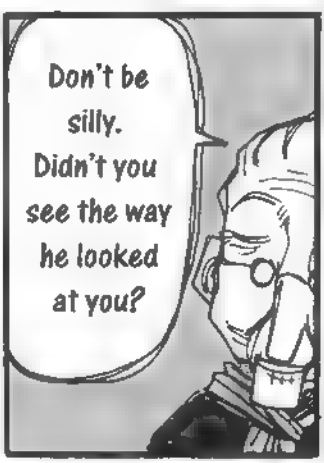


By all means! We look forward to your next visit!



I think he fancies you.

Do you really think so?


Don't be silly. Didn't you see the way he looked at you?

Sigh
We've lost all sense of time. It's late. I think I had better go to bed.
But you haven't finished your dinner!
It's been a long day, dear heart, and I'm not all that hungry.
Good night, then.
I love you.
I love you, too, my sweet little girl.
... ...
Don't worry, my darling. All will seem better tomorrow, I promise you.

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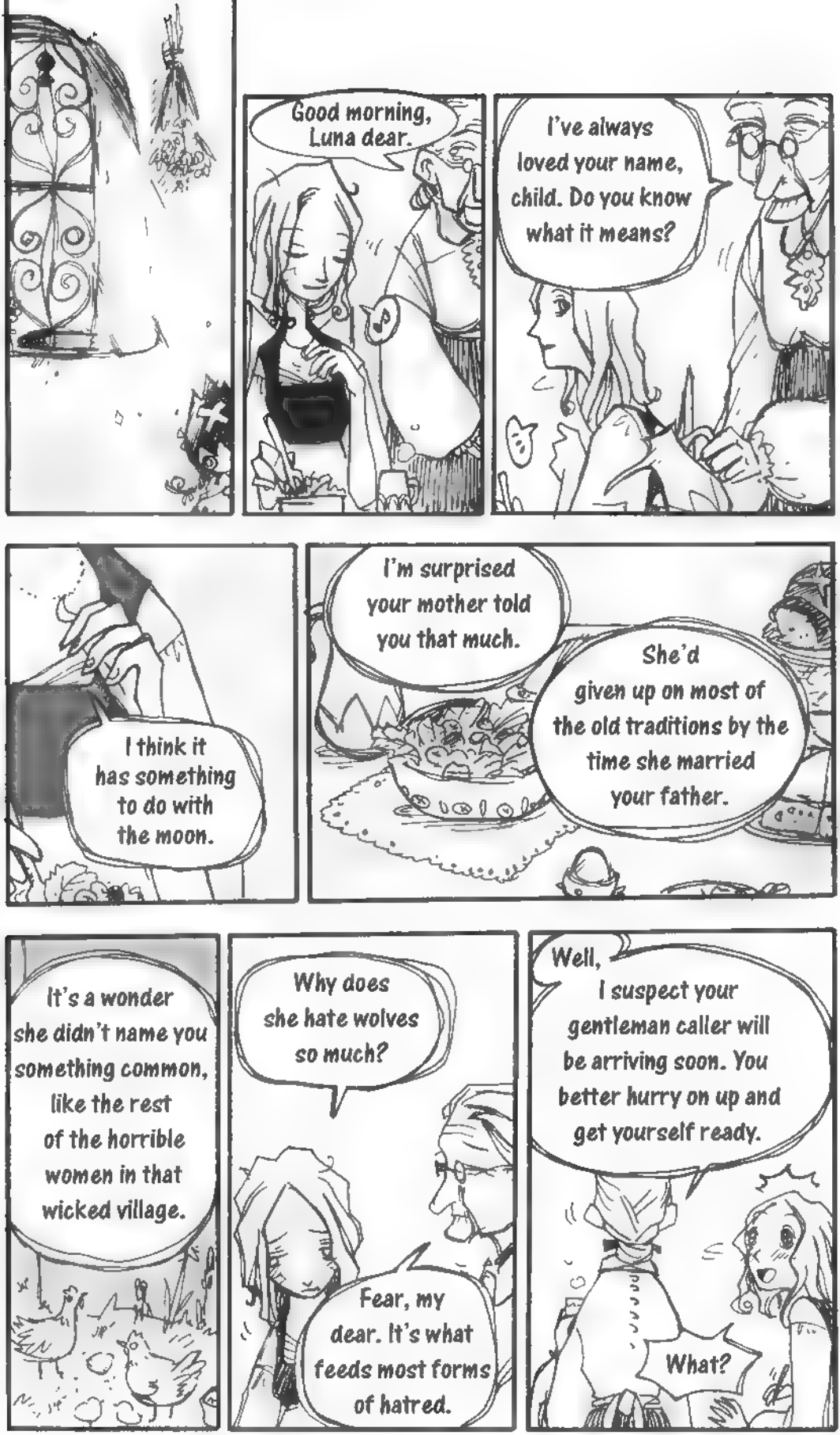
Good morning, Luna dear.
I've always loved your name, child. Do you know what it means?
I think it has something to do with the moon.
I'm surprised your mother told you that much.
She'd given up on most of the old traditions by the time she married your father.
It's a wonder she didn't name you something common, like the rest of the horrible women in that wicked village.
Why does she hate wolves so much?
Fear, my dear. It's what feeds most forms of hatred.
Well, I suspect your gentleman caller will be arriving soon. You better hurry on up and get yourself ready.
What?

He came by much earlier this morning and asked if you'd like to go on a picnic.
Oh!
I assumed you would want to go.
Thank you!
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Eek
Hello, my boy.
You're looking quite well today.
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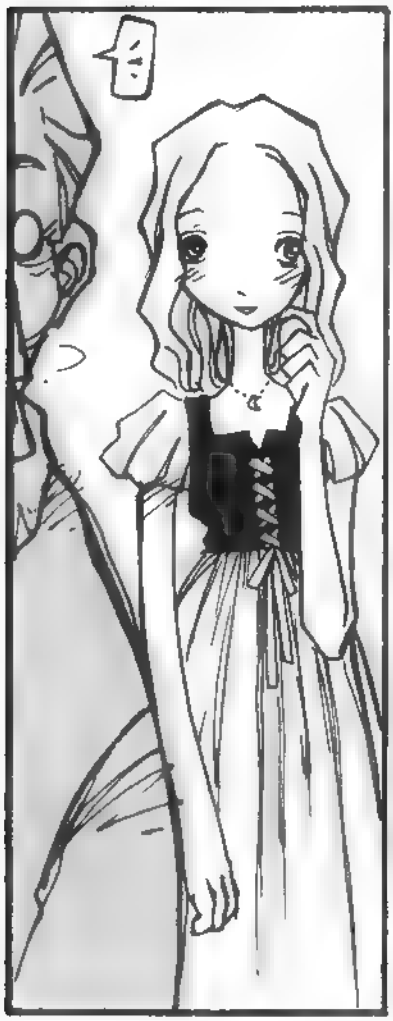
Thanks to you.
Think nothing of it. Luna will be out momentarily.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Here you go, my dear. This will keep you warm.
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It's so beautiful!

Have a lovely day my dears. Goodbye.

I thought this would be a perfect spot.
It's wonderous. Almost magical.
I'm sorry, I wasn't thinking. Perhaps this wasn't the best of spots.
Because of the statue?
It's beautiful.
I couldn't help but overhear the story you told your grandmother yesterday.
We can pick another place if you like.

Wolves don't frighten me.
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I hope you like what I brought.
I'm just happy to be here with you.
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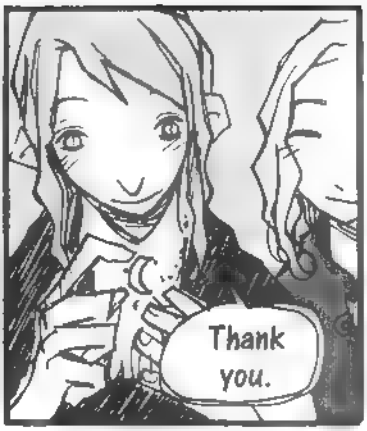
I want you to have this.


Thank you.

It's breathtaking! I could sit here all day.
And indeed we have. It's getting dark.

But we don't have to leave just yet, do we?
Your grandmother will be worried.

I promised that I would have you home before dark.
But I would like to look upon the moon with you.
Come, my darling.

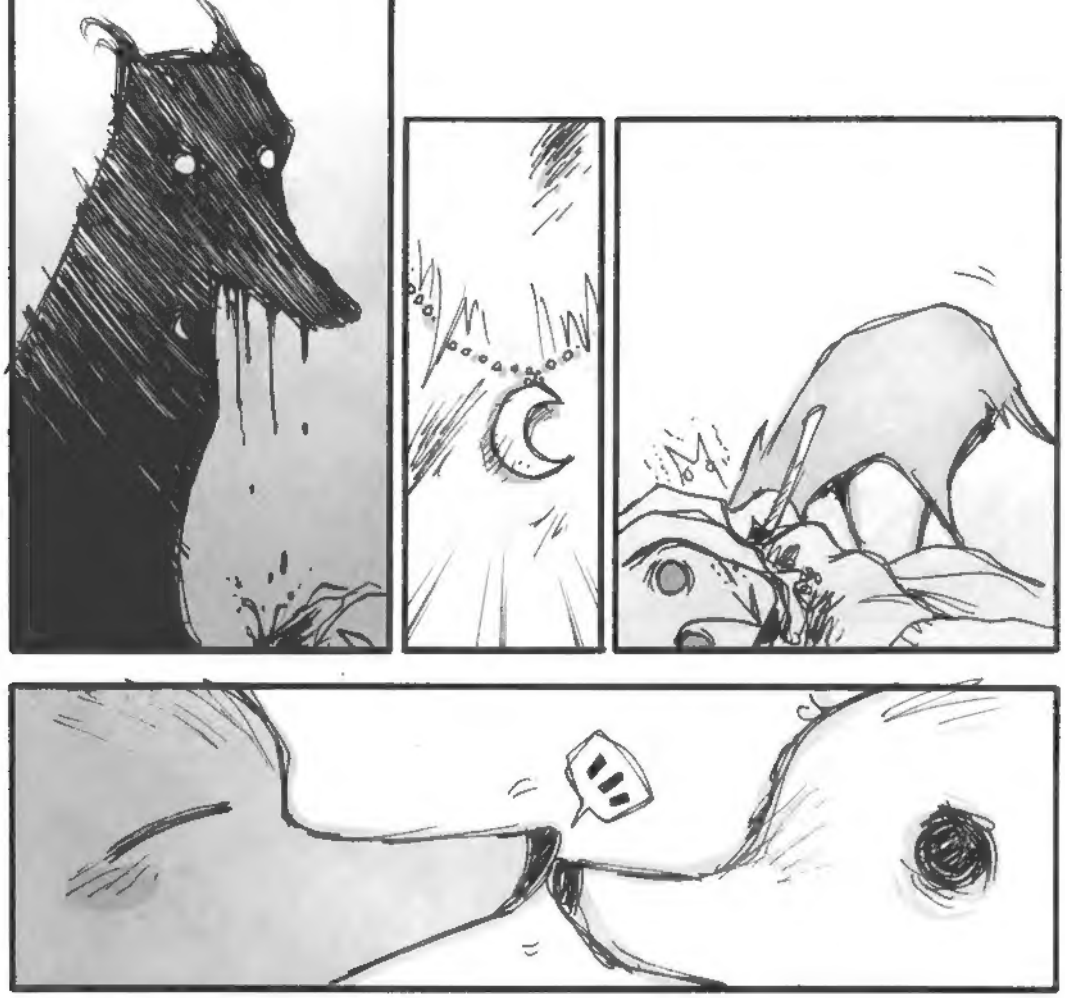
Grandmother?
That's strange. Perhaps she's out.
SNAP
Oh, I think she must be sleeping.
Thank you for a wonderful day.
Goodnight, my darling.

Grandmother...
...are you asleep?
Grandmother?

It's me! Luna!
Don't be frightened!

You killed her!
How could you?!
She's a horrid creature, just like you!
Mother, Look at me! I'm your daughter!
What's started?
You take after her!
It's already started.

I can't let you live!
I should have killed you long ago!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Annabelle, Gwen and her new friend Bunny find themselves in a haunted house full of mirrors that trap the souls of dead children...

Hopefully Annabelle will be able to save them.

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Hello my darlings,

Thanks for reading another issue of Nightmares. I really enjoyed writing this issue. (I enjoy writing all the issues actually... but I seem to love each one better than the last). I might have said this before, but I think Nightmares has become my little stage to play out some of my demons, however indirect...and I feel so lucky to be working with FSc, one of the sweetest and most talented people I know.

Our first collection is available now! - March 2004 -
Fsc has created some cute extra goodies and there will be some pin-ups from guest artists and some script pages from myself for your enjoyment.

Hopefully I would have gotten the chance to meet some of you at APE by the time you read this, but if you missed APE, you can always come and see me (and hopefully FSc as well) at The San Diego Comic-Con in July 2004.

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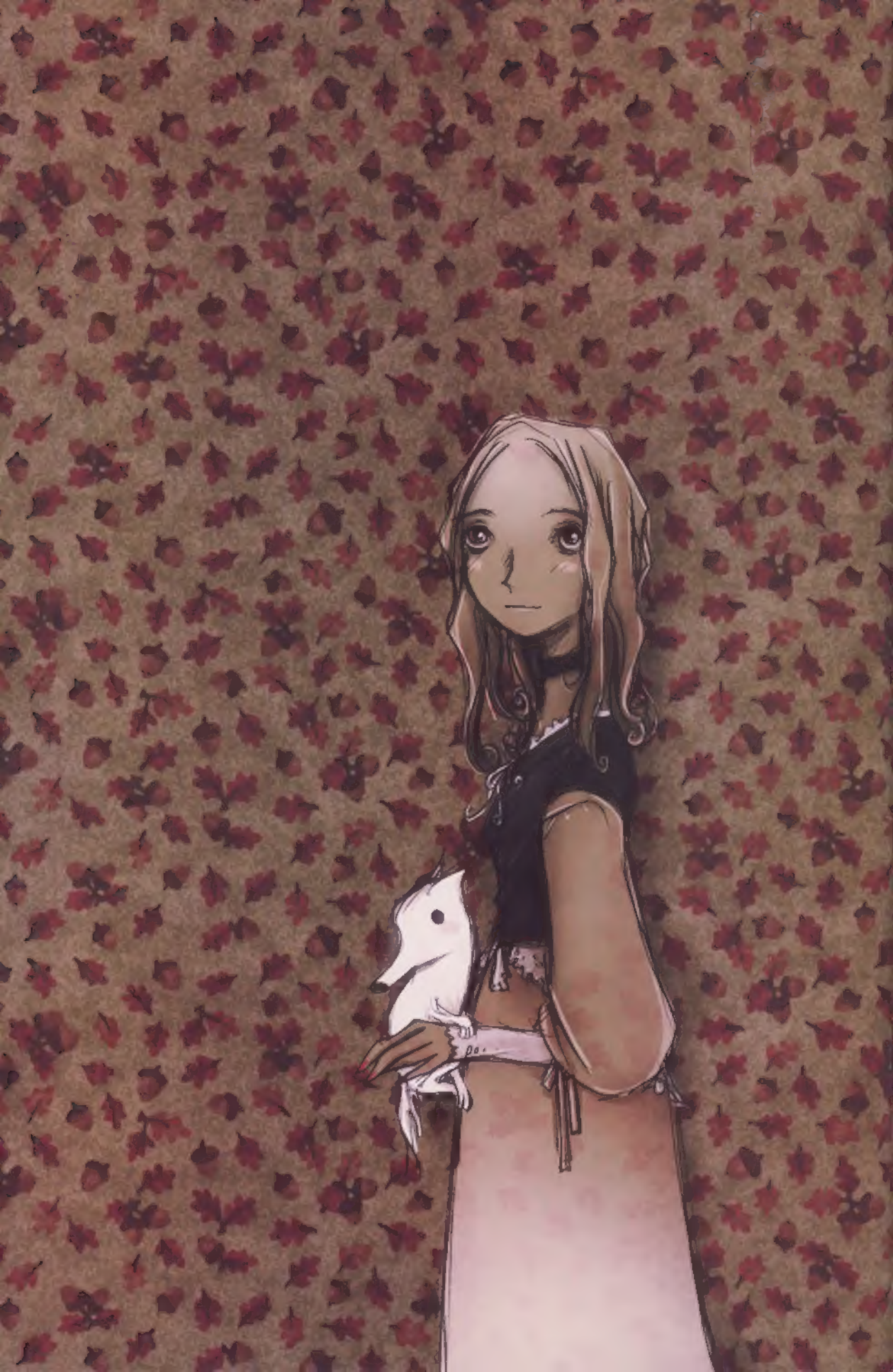
Pleasant dreams,
Serena